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CODEL ANDERSON

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (ANDERSON, JOHN)

SUBJECT: CODEL ANDERSON

REFERENCE: STATE 006174

1. SOMALI GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO CODEL'S VISIT AND IS PLANNING PROVIDE AIR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM NAIROBI. WE HAVE MADE SUGGESTIONS TO THEM ON PROGRAM AND THEY HAVE PROMISED TO GIVE US THEIR SUGGESTED PROGRAM JANUARY 14, AT WHICH TIME WE WILL RELAY IT TO WASHINGTON.

2. REPORTER FROM OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY SONNA WILL PROBABLY ASK CONGRESSMAN ANDERSON A FEW QUESTIONS AT AIRPORT. SUBJECTS WILL BE GENERAL PURPOSE OF TRIP AND POSSIBLY QUESTION OF AID. SOMALIS ARE PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THEIR RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LITERACY CAMPAIGN AND THEIR SELF-HELP PROGRAMS. CODEL MIGHT REFER TO THESE AS ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. OCTOBER VISIT TO US AND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD OF PRESIDENT SIAD, WHO IS CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF OAU, COULD ALSO BE MENTIONED, AS MIGHT THE CURRENT SOMALI DROUGHT. ON LATTER, CODEL MIGHT NOTE THAT US DIVERTED A SHIP TO MOGADISCIO WITH 1500 TONS OF HIGH NUTRITION BISCUITS IN LATE DECEMBER IN RESPONSE TO SOMALI APPEAL FOR URGENT ASSISTANCE. VALUE OF THIS SHIPMENT, INCLUDING TRANSPORT, WAS OVER UNCLASSIFIED

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TWO MILLION DOLLARS. CODEL COULD NOTE THAT QUESTION

OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE IS UNDER URGENT CONSIDERATION
IN WASHINGTON. REFERENCE TO OUR DROUGHT ASSISTANCE
MIGHT ALSO BE BEST WAY TO HANDLE ANY QUESTION ON
SUBJECT OF US AID IN GENERAL.

3. DCM HAMRICK IS ESCORT OFFICER.

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